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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Frédéric FORTIN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3775  
Application No.: 10/760,075 ) Examiner: Woodall, Nicholas W.  
Filed: January 18, 2004 )  
For: FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL ) Confirmation No.: 1916  
LINKING DEVICE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2009, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.